Report - How Social Hierarchy Shapes Ambition and Discipline

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[2]: import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
     import textwrap
     import scipy as sp
     import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
     from statsmodels.formula.api import ols
     from statsmodels.stats.oneway import anova_oneway
     from matplotlib.ticker import MaxNLocator
     from IPython.display import Markdown, display
     # Import the data
     d_long = pd.read_csv('d_long.csv')
     d wide = pd.read csv('d wide.csv')
     # Create labels for Slavery: Type variable (based on Murdock & White, 1969)
     labels_slavery = {
         1: 'Absent/Near Absent',
         2: 'Nonhereditary',
         3: 'Unidentified Type',
         4: 'Hereditary'
     }
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1 Background & hypotheses

The rigidity of a social hierarchy might affect which traits help an individual succeed in their life by rewarding certain qualities, while punishing others. Since societies differ in their structure, differences could also be present in which traits they primarily teach children in hopes of raising successful, well-adapted adults. For example, rigid cultures might foster obedience and conformity, as opposed to more fluid cultures which encourage competitiveness.

There are multiple ways to operationalize the rigidity of a social hierarchy. In this current project, the presence and type of slavery and the view of the ruler as divine were chosen as markers.

Data regarding the **type and presence of slavery** in different societies was provided by the Standard Cross-Cultural Sample (SCCS) (Murdock & White, 1969). This dataset enables distinction between hereditary and nonhereditary types of slavery. Societies with hereditary slavery are assumed to be more rigid in their structure than societies with either nonhereditary or no slavery present at all, because a group of people are conserved in a role not influenced by their own actions. Data about the **view of the ruler as either divine or non-divine** was provided by Robert L. Carneiro's Dataset (6th Edition) (Carneiro, 2024). Societies which view their ruler as divine or sacred are assumed to attribute qualities to the ruling person not achievable by a non-leader member of the group.

Information about the extent to which societies prioritize the **inculcation of certain traits** in children was provided by the Standard Cross-Cultural Sample (SCCS) (Murdock & White, 1969). The traits chosen for examination were: competitiveness, obedience and achievement.

Hypotheses: In societies where status is determined by uncontrollable factors, ambition holds less significance, while social discipline becomes a greater focus in child-rearing.

- 1: Achievement and competitiveness hold smaller significance in child-rearing in societies which view their ruler as (semi)divine.
- 2: Achievement and competitiveness hold smaller significance in child-rearing in societies where hereditary slavery is present, than in those where either nonhereditary slavery is present or where no slavery is present at all.
 - Planned contrasts: hereditary vs. nonhereditary, nonhereditary vs. no slavery present.
- **3:** Obedience holds greater significance in child-rearing in societies which view their ruler as (semi)divine.
- 4: Obedience holds greater significance in child-rearing in societies where hereditary slavery is present, than in those where either nonhereditary slavery is present or where no slavery is present at all.
 - Planned contrasts: hereditary vs. nonhereditary, nonhereditary vs. no slavery present.

2 Variables

$2.1 \quad Traits \ inculcated \ in \ childhood$

In the SCCS, societies were scored on a scale from 1 to 10 based on the significance the inculcation of a certain trait holds in child-rearing (Barry et al. 1976). Separate scores were determined for gender groups (boys and girls) and for two stages of childhood (early and late). These variables can be seen in the table below.

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[3]: # Create a table of variables representing traits inculcated in children

df_traits = d_long[d_long['title'].str.

contains('Achievement|Competitiveness|Obedience')][['var_id', 'category',

'title']].drop_duplicates().sort_values(by='var_id')

display(Markdown(df_traits.to_markdown(index=False)))
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var_id	category	title
	,	Competitiveness: Early Boy
	, ,	Competitiveness: Early Girl Competitiveness: Late Boy

var_id	category	title
SCCS305	Childhood, Life cycle	Competitiveness: Late Girl
SCCS310	Childhood, Life cycle	Achievement: Early Boy
SCCS311	Childhood, Life cycle	Achievement: Early Girl
SCCS312	Childhood, Life cycle	Achievement: Late Boy
SCCS313	Childhood, Life cycle	Achievement: Late Girl
SCCS322	Childhood, Life cycle	Obedience: Early Boy
SCCS323	Childhood, Life cycle	Obedience: Early Girl
SCCS324	Childhood, Life cycle	Obedience: Late Boy
SCCS325	Childhood, Life cycle	Obedience: Late Girl

To reduce dimensions, I averaged data across genders and age groups, creating three continous variables: Average Achievement, Average Competitiveness and Average Obedience. Although notable differences exist among groups, this project focuses solely on differences in the overall mean. Below you can see descriptive statistics and histograms for the distribution of the three variables.

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[4]: # Create a table for descriptive statistics
    # Select relevant columns and calculate descriptive statistics
    stats = d_wide[['Achievement: Avg', 'Competitiveness: Avg', 'Obedience: Avg']].
    describe().T

# Add sample size (count of non-null values)
    stats['sample_size'] = d_wide.count()

# Select and rename columns for clarity
    stats = stats[['sample_size', 'mean', 'std', 'min', '25%', '50%', '75%', 'max']]

# Round values for readability
    stats = stats.round(2)

display(Markdown(stats.to_markdown()))
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	sample_size	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Achievement: Avg	164	4.54	1.45	1	3.5	4.5	5.75	8
Competitiveness:	136	4.4	1.71	0	3	5	5.5	9
Avg	165	5.44	1.06	1.5	4	5	6.5	10
Obedience: Avg	165	5.44	1.96	1.5	4	5	6.5	10

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[]: # Create histograms for the distribution of the mean scores for each trait

# Titles for each variable

titles = ['Achievement: Avg - distribution', 'Competitiveness: Avg -

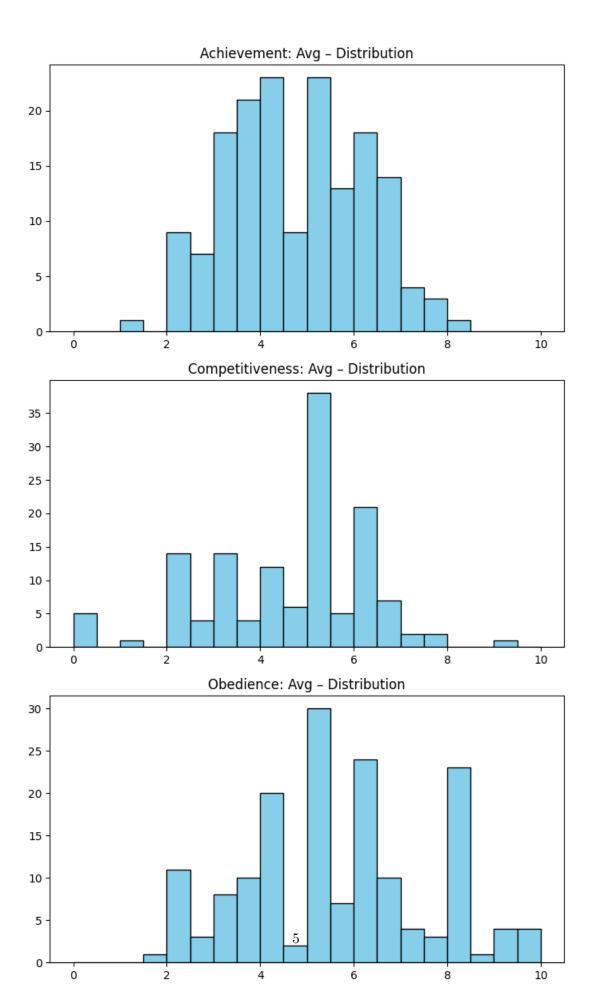
distribution', 'Obedience: Avg - distribution']

# Columns to plot

cols = ['Achievement: Avg', 'Competitiveness: Avg', 'Obedience: Avg']
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# Create subplots
fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 1, figsize=(7, 12), sharex=False)
for i, (col, ax) in enumerate(zip(cols, axs)):
    ax.hist(d_wide[col], bins=20, color='skyblue', edgecolor='black',
    range=[0,10])
    ax.set_title(titles[i])

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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2.2 Rigidity of Social Hierarchy

The variables denoting the view of the ruler as (semi)divine and the type and presence of slavery are both categorical.

var_id	category	title
13 CARNEIRO 9 SCCS274	_326 olitical Organization Politics, Class, Economy, Labour	(Semi)divine ruler Slavery: type [Note, identical to EA070]

The variable indicating whether a society views the ruler as (semi)divine is binary, with values **0** (absent) or **1** (present) (Carneiro, 2024). The table below shows the number of observations for each category.

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[7]: divine_value_counts = pd.DataFrame({
    'Absent (0)': [sum(d_wide['(Semi)divine ruler'] == 0)],
    'Present (1)': [sum(d_wide['(Semi)divine ruler'] == 1)]
}, index=['count'])

display(Markdown(divine_value_counts.to_markdown()))
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	Absent (0)	Present (1)
count	58	14

The variable representing the type and presence of slavery has 4 levels. Category interpretations are provided below (based on Murdock & White, 1969), with the number of observations for each shown in the table.

Slavery Type Category Interpretations

- 1: Absence or near absence of slavery
- 2: Incipient or nonhereditary slavery
- 3: Slavery reported but not identified as hereditary or nonhereditary
- 4: Hereditary slavery present and of at least modest social significance

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[8]: slavery_value_counts = pd.DataFrame({
    'Absent/Near Absent (1)': [sum(d_wide['Slavery: type'] == 1)],
    'Nonhereditary (2)': [sum(d_wide['Slavery: type'] == 2)],
    'Unidentified Type (3)': [sum(d_wide['Slavery: type'] == 3)],
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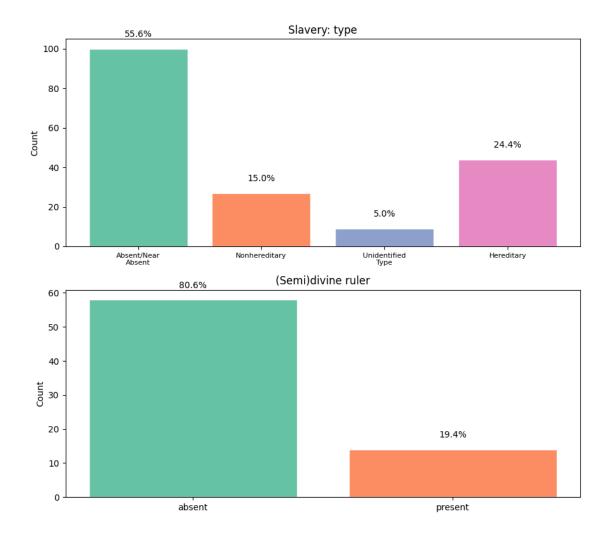
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'Hereditary (4)': [sum(d_wide['Slavery: type'] == 4)]
}, index=['count'])
display(Markdown(slavery_value_counts.to_markdown()))
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	Absent/Near Absent			
	(1)	Nonhereditary (2)	Unidentified Type (3)	Hereditary (4)
count	100	27	9	44

Bar charts displaying the category distributions are shown below.

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[9]: # Columns of interest
     cols = ['Slavery: type', '(Semi)divine ruler']
     # Count the frequency of each category
     counts_slavery = d_wide[cols[0]].value_counts().sort_index()
     counts_divine = d_wide[cols[1]].value_counts().sort_index()
     labels_divine = {0: 'absent', 1: 'present'}
     # Map numerical indices to descriptive labels
     slavery_labelled = counts_slavery.index.map(labels_slavery)
     divine_labelled = counts_divine.index.map(labels_divine)
     # Create subplots
     fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(9, 8))
     # Bar chart for 'Slavery: type'
     colors_slavery = sns.color_palette('Set2', len(counts_slavery))
     axs[0].bar(slavery_labelled, counts_slavery.values, color=colors_slavery,_u
      ⇔edgecolor='white', linewidth=1)
     axs[0].set_title('Slavery: type')
     axs[0].set_ylabel('Count')
     # Wrap the labels for better readability
     wrapped_slavery_labels = ['\n'.join(textwrap.wrap(str(label), width=15)) for_
     →label in slavery_labelled]
     axs[0].set_xticks(range(len(slavery_labelled)))
     axs[0].set_xticklabels(wrapped_slavery_labels, fontsize=8)
     # Add percentage labels on top of the bars
     total_slavery = sum(counts_slavery.values)
     percentages_slavery = [(count / total_slavery) * 100 for count in_
      ⇔counts_slavery.values]
     offset_slavery = 0.05 * max(counts_slavery.values)
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for i, (count, percentage) in enumerate(zip(counts_slavery.values, __
    ⇔percentages_slavery)):
             axs[0].text(i, count + offset_slavery, f'{percentage:.1f}%', ha='center', u
   ⇔va='bottom')
# Bar chart for '(Semi)divine ruler'
colors_divine = sns.color_palette('Set2', len(counts_divine))
axs[1].bar(divine\_labelled, counts\_divine.values, color=colors\_divine, _ \subseteq (a) = (a) =
   →edgecolor='white', linewidth=1)
axs[1].set_title('(Semi)divine ruler')
axs[1].set_ylabel('Count')
# Add percentage labels on top of the bars
total_divine = sum(counts_divine.values)
percentages_divine = [(count / total_divine) * 100 for count in counts_divine.
    →values]
offset_divine = 0.05 * max(counts_divine.values)
for i, (count, percentage) in enumerate(zip(counts_divine.values, __
    →percentages_divine)):
             axs[1].text(i, count + offset_divine, f'{percentage:.1f}%', ha='center', u
    ⇔va='bottom')
plt.tight_layout()
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The bar chart below illustrates differences in the category distribution of the variable depicting the presence and type of slavery, based on whether a society views the ruler as (semi)divine. In societies where the ruler is considered divine, hereditary slavery is more prevalent, whereas in those where the ruler is not viewed as divine, the absence of slavery is the most common category. Note that significantly fewer observations are available for the slavery variable in societies where (semi)divine view of the ruler is present (n=6) than where it is absent (n=25).

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[10]: # Columns of interest
cols = ['Slavery: type', '(Semi)divine ruler']

# Split the data based on the (Semi)divine ruler column
divine_absent = d_wide[d_wide[cols[1]] == 0]
divine_present = d_wide[d_wide[cols[1]] == 1]

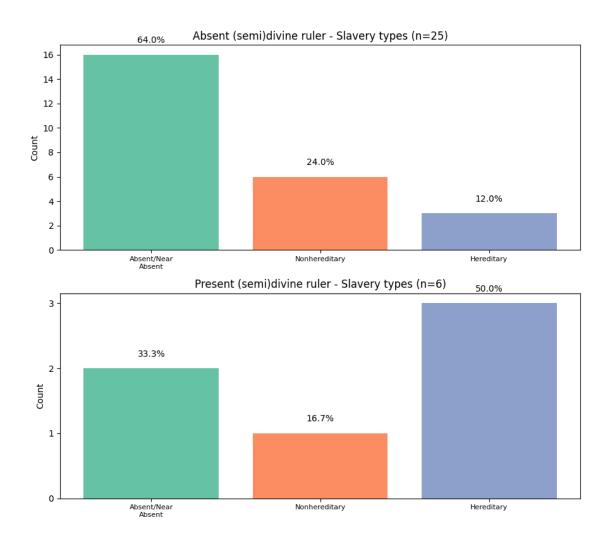
# Count the frequency of Slavery types for each subset
counts_slavery_absent = divine_absent[cols[0]].value_counts().sort_index()
counts_slavery_present = divine_present[cols[0]].value_counts().sort_index()
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# Count total number of observations per (semi)divine ruler category
valid_data = d_wide.dropna(subset=[cols[0], cols[1]])
divine_absent = valid_data[valid_data[cols[1]] == 0]
divine_present = valid_data[valid_data[cols[1]] == 1]
n_absent = len(divine_absent)
n_present = len(divine_present)
# Map numerical indices to descriptive labels
slavery_labelled_absent = counts_slavery_absent.index.map(labels_slavery)
slavery_labelled_present = counts_slavery_present.index.map(labels_slavery)
# Create subplots & use integer formatter for y-axis (regardless of data range)
fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(9, 8))
axs[0].yaxis.set_major_locator(MaxNLocator(integer=True))
axs[1].yaxis.set_major_locator(MaxNLocator(integer=True))
# Bar chart for (Semi)divine ruler ABSENT
colors_slavery = sns.color_palette('Set2', max(len(counts_slavery_absent),__
 →len(counts_slavery_present)))
axs[0].bar(slavery labelled absent, counts slavery absent.values,
 ⇔color=colors_slavery[:len(counts_slavery_absent)])
axs[0].set_title(f'Absent (semi)divine ruler - Slavery types (n={n_absent})')
axs[0].set_ylabel('Count')
# Wrap the labels for better readability
wrapped_slavery_labels_absent = ['\n'.join(textwrap.wrap(str(label), width=15))__

¬for label in slavery_labelled_absent]
axs[0].set xticks(range(len(slavery labelled absent)))
axs[0].set_xticklabels(wrapped_slavery_labels_absent, fontsize=8, ha='center')
# Add percentage labels on top of the bars
total_slavery_absent = sum(counts_slavery_absent.values)
percentages_slavery_absent = [(count / total_slavery_absent) * 100 for count in_

counts_slavery_absent.values]
offset_slavery_absent = 0.05 * max(counts_slavery_absent.values) if_
 →len(counts_slavery_absent) > 0 else 0
for i, (count, percentage) in enumerate(zip(counts_slavery_absent.values, __
 →percentages_slavery_absent)):
    axs[0].text(i, count + offset_slavery_absent, f'{percentage:.1f}}",_u
 ⇔ha='center', va='bottom')
# Bar chart for (Semi)divine ruler PRESENT
axs[1].bar(slavery_labelled_present, counts_slavery_present.values,_
 →color=colors_slavery[:len(counts_slavery_present)])
axs[1].set_title(f'Present (semi)divine ruler - Slavery types (n={n_present})')
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axs[1].set_ylabel('Count')
# Wrap the labels for better readability
wrapped_slavery_labels_present = ['\n'.join(textwrap.wrap(str(label),__
width=15)) for label in slavery_labelled_present]
axs[1].set xticks(range(len(slavery labelled present)))
axs[1].set_xticklabels(wrapped_slavery_labels_present, fontsize=8, ha='center')
# Add percentage labels on top of the bars
total_slavery_present = sum(counts_slavery_present.values)
percentages_slavery_present = [(count / total_slavery_present) * 100 for count_
 →in counts_slavery_present.values]
offset_slavery_present = 0.05 * max(counts_slavery_present.values) if_
 olen(counts_slavery_present) > 0 else 0
for i, (count, percentage) in enumerate(zip(counts_slavery_present.values,_
 →percentages_slavery_present)):
    axs[1].text(i, count + offset_slavery_present, f'{percentage:.1f}}", u
 ⇔ha='center', va='bottom')
plt.tight_layout()
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3 Data Analysis and Results

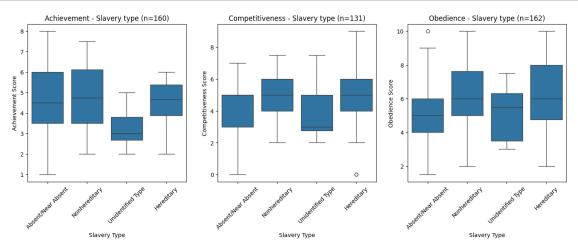
To test hypotheses 1 and 3, an independent samples t-test (or its non-parametric counterpart) is conducted. For hypotheses 2 and 4, a one-way ANOVA (or its non-parametric equivalent) is performed. Additionally, a multiple linear regression model is used to assess whether the presence/type of slavery and the perception of the ruler as (semi)divine predict the indoctrination of specific childhood traits.

3.1 Slavery Type & Inculcated Traits

To compare the distributions of the selected traits across different types of slavery in societies, the following boxplots were generated:

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[11]: # Boxplots: Trait scores by slavery type
# Create boxplots for the relationship between slavery type and different traits
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(17, 5))
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n_achievement = d_wide.dropna(subset=['Slavery: type', 'Achievement: Avg']).
 ⇒shape[0] # Number of valid trials for Achievement
sns.boxplot(x='Slavery: type', y='Achievement: Avg', data=d_wide, ax=axs[0])
axs[0].set_title(f'Achievement - Slavery type (n={n_achievement})')
axs[0].set ylabel('Achievement Score')
axs[0].set_xlabel('Slavery Type')
axs[0].set_xticks([0, 1, 2, 3])
axs[0].set_xticklabels([_ for _ in labels_slavery.values()], rotation=45);
n_competitiveness = d_wide.dropna(subset=['Slavery: type', 'Competitiveness:__
 →Avg']).shape[0] # Number of valid trials for Competitiveness
sns.boxplot(x='Slavery: type', y='Competitiveness: Avg', data=d_wide, ax=axs[1])
axs[1].set_title(f'Competitiveness - Slavery type (n={n_competitiveness})')
axs[1].set_ylabel('Competitiveness Score')
axs[1].set_xlabel('Slavery Type')
axs[1].set_xticks([0, 1, 2, 3])
axs[1].set_xticklabels([_ for _ in labels_slavery.values()], rotation=45)
n_obedience = d_wide.dropna(subset=['Slavery: type', 'Obedience: Avg']).
 →shape[0] # Number of valid trials for Obedience
sns.boxplot(x='Slavery: type', y='Obedience: Avg', data=d_wide, ax=axs[2])
axs[2].set_title(f'Obedience - Slavery type (n={n_obedience})')
axs[2].set_ylabel('Obedience Score')
axs[2].set_xlabel('Slavery Type')
axs[2].set_xticks([0, 1, 2, 3])
axs[2].set_xticklabels([_ for _ in labels_slavery.values()], rotation=45);
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To evaluate statistically significant differences in selected traits across societies with varying types of slavery, one-way ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis tests were conducted (results below). Additionally, pre-registered planned contrast tests were performed to examine differences between specific soci-

etal groups (see separate block under ANOVA results).

For each trait, one-way ANOVA assumptions were tested; if violated, the robust Kruskal-Wallis test was applied.

Achievement trait: The hypothesis that achievement is less significant in societies with hereditary slavery was not supported. A Kruskal-Wallis test showed no significant differences across slavery types (H = 7.71, p = 0.05, 2 = 0.05). Planned contrasts confirmed no differences between no slavery (M = 4.60) vs. nonhereditary (M = 4.88; t = -0.80, p = 0.43) or nonhereditary vs. hereditary (M = 4.53; t = 0.97, p = 0.34).

Competitiveness trait: The hypothesis that competitiveness is less significant in hereditary slavery societies was not supported. A Kruskal-Wallis test found no significant differences (H = 5.60, p = 0.13, 2 = 0.04). Planned contrasts showed no differences between no slavery (M = 4.13) vs. nonhereditary (M = 4.87; t = -1.92, p = 0.06) or nonhereditary vs. hereditary (M = 4.79; t = 0.18, p = 0.86).

Obedience trait: The hypothesis that obedience is more significant in hereditary slavery societies showed a trend but was not statistically significant (ANOVA: F = 2.38, p = 0.07, $^2 = 0.04$). Hereditary slavery societies had higher obedience scores (M = 6.03) than nonhereditary (M = 5.73; t = -0.55, p = 0.59) and no slavery (M = 5.10; t = -1.35, p = 0.19), but contrasts were not significant.

No significant differences were found for achievement or competitiveness across slavery types. Obedience showed a non-significant trend toward greater emphasis in hereditary slavery societies.

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[12]: # Trait Differences Across Slavery Types in Societies (One-Way ANOVA /
       ⇔Kruskal-Wallis Test)
      traits = ['Achievement: Avg', 'Competitiveness: Avg', 'Obedience: Avg']
      slavery_types = {
          0: 'Absent',
          1: 'Nonhereditary',
          2: 'Unidentified',
          3: 'Hereditary'
      }
      for trait in traits:
          print(f'\n----\nTest of differences in {trait.split(":")[0]} trait:
          groups = [d_wide[d_wide['Slavery: type'] == i][trait].dropna() for i in_
       \rightarrowrange(1, 5)]
          # Descriptive statistics
          print('\nDescriptive statistics:')
          for i, group in enumerate(groups):
              print(f"Slavery type {i+1} ({slavery_types[i]}): n={len(group)},__
       →Mean={group.mean():.4f}, Median={group.median():.4f}, SD={group.std():.4f}")
          # One-way ANOVA assumption checks
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use_kruskal = False
  variances = 'equal'
  # Check for normality of residuals
  model = ols(f'Q("{trait}") ~ C(Q("Slavery: type"))', data=d_wide).fit()
  residuals = model.resid
  statistic, p_value = sp.stats.shapiro(residuals)
  print(f"\nShapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = {statistic:.4f},__
\rightarrow p-value = \{p_value: .4f\}")
  if p_value < 0.05:</pre>
      print('Residuals are not normally distributed.')
      use_kruskal = True
  else:
      print('Residuals are normally distributed.')
  # Check for homogeneity of variances
  print('\nTest of homogeneity of variances:')
  levene_stat, levene_p = sp.stats.levene(*groups)
  print(f"Levene's test statistic = {levene_stat:.4f}, p-value = {levene_p:.

4f}")
  if levene_p > 0.05:
      print('Variances are equal.')
  else:
      print('Variances are not equal.')
      variances = 'unequal'
  # One-way ANOVA / Kruskal-Wallis test for Achievement trait
  if not use_kruskal:
      f_stat, p_value = anova_oneway(groups, use_var=variances)
      print(f"\nOne-Way ANOVA{'' if variances == 'equal' else ' (with Welch_
⇔correction)'}:"
             f" F-statistic = {f_stat:.4f}, p-value = {p_value:.4f}")
      # Calculate effect size (2)
      total_n = sum(len(group) for group in groups)
      total_mean = np.mean([val for group in groups for val in group])
      ss_between = sum(len(group) * (np.mean(group) - total_mean) ** 2 for_
⇒group in groups)
      ss_total = sum((val - total_mean) ** 2 for group in groups for val in_
⇔group)
      eta_squared = ss_between / ss_total
      print(f'Effect size: 2 = {eta_squared:.4f}')
  else:
      h_stat, p_value = sp.stats.kruskal(*groups)
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print(f"\nKruskal-Wallis: H-statistic = {h_stat:.4f}, p-value =
  \hookrightarrow{p_value:.4f}")
        # Calculate effect size (2)
        total_n = sum(len(group) for group in groups)
        epsion squared = h stat / (total n - 1)
        print(f'Effect size: 2 = {epsion_squared:.4f}')
Test of differences in Achievement trait:
Descriptive statistics:
Slavery type 1 (Absent): n=89, Mean=4.5918, Median=4.5000, SD=1.5606
Slavery type 2 (Nonhereditary): n=24, Mean=4.8785, Median=4.7500, SD=1.5544
Slavery type 3 (Unidentified): n=8, Mean=3.3125, Median=3.0000, SD=1.0586
Slavery type 4 (Hereditary): n=39, Mean=4.5256, Median=4.6667, SD=1.0916
Shapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = 0.9823, p-value = 0.0386
Residuals are not normally distributed.
Test of homogeneity of variances:
Levene's test statistic = 4.2465, p-value = 0.0065
Variances are not equal.
Kruskal-Wallis: H-statistic = 7.7062, p-value = 0.0525
Effect size: ^2 = 0.0485
Test of differences in Competitiveness trait:
Descriptive statistics:
Slavery type 1 (Absent): n=71, Mean=4.1303, Median=5.0000, SD=1.6997
Slavery type 2 (Nonhereditary): n=19, Mean=4.8684, Median=5.0000, SD=1.4225
Slavery type 3 (Unidentified): n=7, Mean=4.0000, Median=3.0000, SD=1.9365
Slavery type 4 (Hereditary): n=34, Mean=4.7868, Median=5.0000, SD=1.8424
Shapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = 0.9625, p-value = 0.0011
Residuals are not normally distributed.
Test of homogeneity of variances:
Levene's test statistic = 0.2973, p-value = 0.8273
Variances are equal.
Kruskal-Wallis: H-statistic = 5.5997, p-value = 0.1328
Effect size: ^2 = 0.0431
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Descriptive statistics:
     Slavery type 1 (Absent): n=88, Mean=5.0994, Median=5.0000, SD=1.7700
     Slavery type 2 (Nonhereditary): n=26, Mean=5.7308, Median=6.0000, SD=2.1874
     Slavery type 3 (Unidentified): n=8, Mean=5.1562, Median=5.5000, SD=1.6634
     Slavery type 4 (Hereditary): n=40, Mean=6.0312, Median=6.0000, SD=2.1796
     Shapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = 0.9866, p-value = 0.1243
     Residuals are normally distributed.
     Test of homogeneity of variances:
     Levene's test statistic = 1.5705, p-value = 0.1987
     Variances are equal.
     One-Way ANOVA: F-statistic = 2.3849, p-value = 0.0713
     Effect size: ^2 = 0.0433
[13]: # Perform planned contrast tests
      def perform_planned_contrasts(trait):
          print(f"\n-----\nPlanned Contrasts for {trait.split(':')[0]}:")
          # Extract data for each slavery type
          type1_data = d_wide[d_wide['Slavery: type'] == 1.0][trait].dropna()
          type2_data = d_wide[d_wide['Slavery: type'] == 2.0][trait].dropna()
          type4 data = d wide[d wide['Slavery: type'] == 4.0][trait].dropna()
          # Contrast 1: Type 1 (Absent) vs Type 2 (Nonhereditary)
          print("\nType 1 (Absent) vs Type 2 (Nonhereditary):")
          if len(type1_data) > 0 and len(type2_data) > 0:
              t_stat, p_val = sp.stats.ttest_ind(type1_data, type2_data,_
       ⇔equal_var=False)
              print(f" t-statistic: {t_stat:.4f}")
              print(f" p-value: {p_val:.4f} ({'sig.' if p_val < 0.05 else 'not sig.</pre>
       ("({۱,
              print(f" Mean Type 1 (Absent): {type1_data.mean():.4f},__
       \rightarrown={len(type1_data)}")
              print(f" Mean Type 2 (Nonhereditary): {type2_data.mean():.4f},__
       →n={len(type2_data)}")
          else:
              print(" Not enough data for this comparison")
          # Contrast 2: Type 2 (Nonhereditary) vs Type 4 (Hereditary)
          print("\nType 2 (Nonhereditary) vs Type 4 (Hereditary):")
          if len(type2_data) > 0 and len(type4_data) > 0:
              t_stat, p_val = sp.stats.ttest_ind(type2_data, type4_data,__
       →equal_var=False)
```

Test of differences in Obedience trait:

```
Type 1 (Absent) vs Type 2 (Nonhereditary):
 t-statistic: -0.8013
 p-value: 0.4282 (not sig.)
 Mean Type 1 (Absent): 4.5918, n=89
 Mean Type 2 (Nonhereditary): 4.8785, n=24
Type 2 (Nonhereditary) vs Type 4 (Hereditary):
 t-statistic: 0.9740
 p-value: 0.3364 (not sig.)
 Mean Type 2 (Nonhereditary): 4.8785, n=24
 Mean Type 4 (Hereditary): 4.5256, n=39
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Planned Contrasts for Competitiveness:
Type 1 (Absent) vs Type 2 (Nonhereditary):
 t-statistic: -1.9240
 p-value: 0.0630 (not sig.)
 Mean Type 1 (Absent): 4.1303, n=71
 Mean Type 2 (Nonhereditary): 4.8684, n=19
Type 2 (Nonhereditary) vs Type 4 (Hereditary):
 t-statistic: 0.1798
 p-value: 0.8581 (not sig.)
 Mean Type 2 (Nonhereditary): 4.8684, n=19
 Mean Type 4 (Hereditary): 4.7868, n=34
```

Planned Contrasts for Obedience:

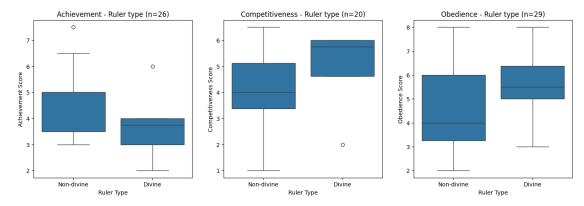
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Type 1 (Absent) vs Type 2 (Nonhereditary):
t-statistic: -1.3472
p-value: 0.1865 (not sig.)
Mean Type 1 (Absent): 5.0994, n=88
Mean Type 2 (Nonhereditary): 5.7308, n=26

Type 2 (Nonhereditary) vs Type 4 (Hereditary):
t-statistic: -0.5461
p-value: 0.5873 (not sig.)
Mean Type 2 (Nonhereditary): 5.7308, n=26
Mean Type 4 (Hereditary): 6.0312, n=40
```

3.2 Divineness of Ruler & Inculcated Traits

To compare the distributions of scores between societies with divine and non-divine views of their ruler, see the following boxplots:

```
[14]: # Boxplots: trait scores by divineness of ruler
      # X-tick labels
      rulertype_ticks = ['Non-divine', 'Divine']
      # Create boxplots for the relationship between slavery type and different traits
      fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(17, 5))
      n_achievement = d_wide.dropna(subset=['(Semi)divine ruler', 'Achievement:
       →Avg']).shape[0] # Number of valid trials for Achievement
      sns.boxplot(x='(Semi)divine ruler', y='Achievement: Avg', data=d_wide,__
       \Rightarrowax=axs[0])
      axs[0].set_title(f'Achievement - Ruler type (n={n_achievement})')
      axs[0].set_ylabel('Achievement Score')
      axs[0].set_xlabel('Ruler Type')
      axs[0].set_xticks([0, 1])
      axs[0].set_xticklabels(rulertype_ticks)
      n_competitiveness = d_wide.dropna(subset=['(Semi)divine ruler',__
       ⇔'Competitiveness: Avg']).shape[0] # Number of valid trials for⊔
       \hookrightarrow Competitiveness
      sns.boxplot(x='(Semi)divine ruler', y='Competitiveness: Avg', data=d_wide,_
      axs[1].set_title(f'Competitiveness - Ruler type (n={n_competitiveness})')
      axs[1].set_ylabel('Competitiveness Score')
      axs[1].set_xlabel('Ruler Type')
      axs[1].set_xticks([0, 1])
      axs[1].set_xticklabels(rulertype_ticks)
```



To determine whether societies with divinely versus non-divinely viewed rulers differ significantly in selected traits, independent samples t-tests were conducted, or Mann-Whitney U tests were used if assumptions were not met.

Achievement trait: The hypothesis that achievement is more important in non-divine ruler societies (M = 4.7024, SD = 1.2640) than divine ruler societies (M = 3.75, SD = 1.48) was not supported. An independent samples t-test (one-sided) showed no significant difference (t = 1.47, p = 0.08, Cohen's d = 0.73), though a moderate effect size suggests a trend toward higher achievement emphasis in non-divine societies.

Competitiveness trait: The hypothesis that competitiveness is more important in non-divine ruler societies (M = 4.17, SD = 1.52) than divine ruler societies (M = 4.88, SD = 1.93) was not supported. A Mann-Whitney U test (one-sided) indicated no significant difference (U = 22.00, p = 0.84, r = -0.31). The negative effect size suggests a slight trend opposite to the hypothesis, with divine ruler societies showing higher competitiveness scores.

Obedience trait: The hypothesis that obedience is more important in divine ruler societies (M = 5.58, SD = 1.69) than non-divine ruler societies (M = 4.51, SD = 1.82) was not supported. An independent samples t-test (one-sided) showed no significant difference (t = -1.30, p = 0.10, Cohen's d = -0.60). A moderate effect size indicates a trend toward greater obedience emphasis in divine ruler societies.

No hypotheses were supported, as differences in achievement, competitiveness, and obedience between divine and non-divine ruler societies were not statistically significant. Larger sample sizes are needed to investigate trends shown in achievement and obedience traits.

```
[15]: # Trait Differences Across Ruler Types in Societies (Independent samples t-test
      →/ Mann-Whitney U test)
     traits = ['Achievement: Avg', 'Competitiveness: Avg', 'Obedience: Avg']
     ruler types = {
         0: 'Non-divine',
         1: 'Divine'
     }
     directional_hypotheses = {
         'Achievement: Avg': 'greater', # Group 0 > Group 1
         'Competitiveness: Avg': 'greater', # Group 0 > Group 1
         'Obedience: Avg': 'less'
                                           # Group 0 < Group 1
     }
     for trait in traits:
         print(f'\n----\nTest of differences in {trait.split(':')[0]} trait:
      ' )
         groups = [d_wide[d_wide['(Semi)divine ruler'] == i][trait].dropna() for i
      \hookrightarrowin range(0, 2)]
         # Get directional hypothesis for this trait
         alternative = directional_hypotheses[trait]
         print(f"Directional hypothesis: Non-divine ruler society scores⊔
       # Descriptive statistics
         print('\nDescriptive statistics:')
         for i, group in enumerate(groups):
             print(f"Ruler type {i} ({ruler_types[i]}): n={len(group)}, Mean={group.
       \negmean():.4f}, Median={group.median():.4f}, SD={group.std():.4f}")
         # Test of normality
         p_values = []
         mann whitney = False
         equal_variances = True
         print(f'\nTest of normal distribution:')
         for i in range(2):
             group_data = d_wide[d_wide['(Semi)divine ruler'] == i][trait].dropna()
             statistic, p_value = sp.stats.shapiro(group_data)
             print(f'Ruler type {i} ({ruler_types[i]}): Shapiro-Wilk statistic = ___
       p values.append(p value)
         if all(p > 0.05 for p in p_values):
             print('All variables are normally distributed.')
         else:
             print('At least one variable is not normally distributed.')
             mann_whitney = True
```

```
# Test of homogeneity of variances
  print('\nTest of homogeneity of variances:')
  levene_stat, levene_p = sp.stats.levene(*groups)
  print(f"Levene's test statistic = {levene_stat:.4f}, p-value = {levene_p:.

4f}")
  if levene_p > 0.05:
      print('Variances are equal.')
  else:
      print('Variances are not equal.')
      equal_variances = False
  print('\nResults:')
  if not mann_whitney:
      t_stat, p_value = sp.stats.ttest_ind(*groups,_
→equal_var=equal_variances, alternative=alternative)
      print(f"Independent samples t-test (one-sided, {alternative}):
at-statistic = {t_stat:.4f}, p-value = {p_value:.4f}")
       # Calculate effect size (Cohen's d)
      n1, n2 = len(groups[0]), len(groups[1])
      mean diff = np.mean(groups[0]) - np.mean(groups[1])
      pooled_std = np.sqrt(((n1 - 1) * np.std(groups[0], ddof=1) ** 2 + (n2 - 0)
41) * np.std(groups[1], ddof=1) ** 2) / (n1 + n2 - 2))
      cohen_d = mean_diff / pooled_std
      print(f'Effect size: Cohen\'s d = {cohen_d:.4f}')
  else:
      u_stat, p_value = sp.stats.mannwhitneyu(groups[0], groups[1],__
→alternative=alternative)
      print(f"Mann-Whitney U test (one-sided, {alternative}): U-statistic = ∪
\hookrightarrow {u_stat:.4f}, p-value = {p_value:.4f}")
       # Calculate effect size (r)
      n1, n2 = len(groups[0]), len(groups[1])
      u1\_stat = u\_stat
      u2 \text{ stat} = n1 * n2 - u1 \text{ stat}
      r = (u1\_stat - u2\_stat) / (n1 * n2)
      print(f'Effect size: Rank-Biserial Correlation (r) = {r:.4f}')
```

Test of differences in Achievement trait:

Directional hypothesis: Non-divine ruler society scores greater than divine ruler society.

Descriptive statistics:

Ruler type 0 (Non-divine): n=21, Mean=4.7024, Median=5.0000, SD=1.2640 Ruler type 1 (Divine): n=5, Mean=3.7500, Median=3.7500, SD=1.4790

Test of normal distribution:

Ruler type 0 (Non-divine): Shapiro-Wilk statistic = 0.9327, p-value = 0.1560 Ruler type 1 (Divine): Shapiro-Wilk statistic = 0.9611, p-value = 0.8155 All variables are normally distributed.

Test of homogeneity of variances: Levene's test statistic = 0.0069, p-value = 0.9347

Variances are equal.

Results:

Independent samples t-test (one-sided, greater): t-statistic = 1.4697, p-value =
0.0773

Effect size: Cohen's d = 0.7313

Test of differences in Competitiveness trait:

Directional hypothesis: Non-divine ruler society scores greater than divine ruler society.

Descriptive statistics:

Ruler type 0 (Non-divine): n=16, Mean=4.1719, Median=4.0000, SD=1.5185 Ruler type 1 (Divine): n=4, Mean=4.8750, Median=5.7500, SD=1.9311

Test of normal distribution:

Ruler type 0 (Non-divine): Shapiro-Wilk statistic = 0.9659, p-value = 0.7683 Ruler type 1 (Divine): Shapiro-Wilk statistic = 0.7170, p-value = 0.0180 At least one variable is not normally distributed.

Test of homogeneity of variances:

Levene's test statistic = 0.0167, p-value = 0.8987 Variances are equal.

Results:

Mann-Whitney U test (one-sided, greater): U-statistic = 22.0000, p-value = 0.8412

Effect size: Rank-Biserial Correlation (r) = -0.3125

Test of differences in Obedience trait:

Directional hypothesis: Non-divine ruler society scores less than divine ruler society.

Descriptive statistics:

Ruler type 0 (Non-divine): n=23, Mean=4.5109, Median=4.0000, SD=1.8208

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Ruler type 1 (Divine): n=6, Mean=5.5833, Median=5.5000, SD=1.6857
```

Test of normal distribution:

Ruler type 0 (Non-divine): Shapiro-Wilk statistic = 0.9356, p-value = 0.1446 Ruler type 1 (Divine): Shapiro-Wilk statistic = 0.9762, p-value = 0.9309 All variables are normally distributed.

Test of homogeneity of variances: Levene's test statistic = 0.1771, p-value = 0.6772 Variances are equal.

Results:

```
Independent samples t-test (one-sided, less): t-statistic = -1.3022, p-value = 0.1019
```

Effect size: Cohen's d = -0.5970

3.3 Linear Regression Model

Linear regression models were used to examine the influence of slavery type and (semi)divine ruler presence on achievement, competitiveness, and obedience in child-rearing (for each trait).

Achievement trait: The model (n = 26, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.0304$) showed no significant predictors of achievement (F = 1.2614, p = 0.3120). The (semi)divine ruler coefficient was negative (B = -1.0361, p = 0.1695), suggesting a trend toward lower achievement in divine ruler societies, but not significant. Slavery type coefficients were also non-significant (p > 0.2776). Potentially influential observations were noted (Cook's Distance: 0.2021 > 0.1538).

Competitiveness trait: The model (n = 20, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.07$) was not significant (F = 1.50, p = 0.25). No predictors significantly influenced competitiveness. The (semi)divine ruler coefficient (B = -0.31, p = 0.77) and slavery type coefficients (p = 0.08) showed no clear effects. Hereditary slavery had a positive trend (B = 1.80, p = 0.08). Influential observations were identified (Cook's Distance: 0.35 > 0.20).

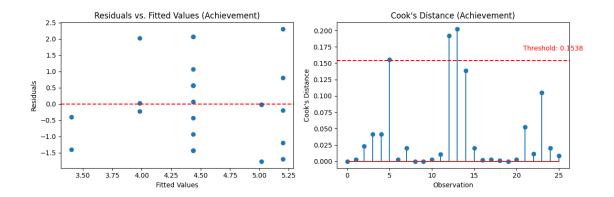
Obedience trait: The model (n = 29, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.16$) approached significance (F = 2.74, p = 0.06). The (semi)divine ruler coefficient suggested higher obedience in divine ruler societies (B = 1.59, p = 0.07), nearly significant. Nonhereditary slavery showed a positive trend (B = 1.33, p = 0.09), while hereditary slavery was non-significant (= -1.05, p = 0.23). Influential observations were noted (Cook's Distance: 0.27 > 0.14).

The models showed limited predictive power for achievement, competitiveness, and obedience. A trend toward lower achievement and higher obedience in (semi)divine ruler societies was observed but not significant. Slavery type had minimal impact, with slight trends for higher competitiveness (hereditary) and obedience (nonhereditary). Further research with larger samples is needed.

```
model = smf.ols(f'Q("{trait}") ~ C(Q("Slavery: type")) + C(Q("(Semi)divine_
→ruler"))', data=d_wide).fit() # Dummy coding for input variables
  print(f'\n----\nLinear regression model for {trait.split(':')[0]}
⇔trait:')
  # Assumption checks: independent observations, linearity (input variables_
\hookrightarroware categorical), homoscedasticity, influential observations, normality of
\neg residuals
  # Plots: homoscedasticity, cook's distance
  fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4))
  # 1. Homoscedasticity (Residuals vs. Fitted)
  axes[0].scatter(model.fittedvalues, model.resid)
  axes[0].axhline(0, color='red', linestyle='--')
  axes[0].set_xlabel('Fitted Values')
  axes[0].set_ylabel('Residuals')
  axes[0].set_title(f'Residuals vs. Fitted Values ({trait.split(':')[0]})')
  # 2. Cook's Distance for influential observations
  influence = model.get_influence()
  cooks = influence.cooks_distance[0]
  axes[1].stem(cooks)
  axes[1].set xlabel('Observation')
  axes[1].set_ylabel("Cook's Distance")
  axes[1].set_title(f"Cook's Distance ({trait.split(':')[0]})")
  # Add a horizontal line at Cook's distance = 4/n
  threshold = 4 / model.nobs
  axes[1].axhline(y=threshold, color='red', linestyle='--')
  axes[1].text(len(cooks)*0.8, threshold*1.1, f'Threshold: {threshold:.4f}', u
⇔color='red')
  plt.tight_layout()
  plt.show()
  # Print max Cook's Distance value
  print(f"\nMax Cook's Distance: {np.max(cooks):.4f}")
  print(f"Cook's Distance threshold (4/n): {threshold:.4f}")
  # Report influential observations
  influential = np.where(cooks > threshold)[0]
  if len(influential) > 0:
      print(f"Potentially influential observations: {influential}")
  # 3. Normality of residuals
  residuals = model.resid
  statistic, p_value = sp.stats.shapiro(residuals)
```

```
print(f"\nShapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = {statistic:.4f}, __
\rightarrowp-value = {p_value:.4f}")
  if p_value < 0.05:</pre>
      print('Residuals are not normally distributed.')
      use_kruskal = True
  else:
      print('Residuals are normally distributed.')
  # Model summary
  # Number of observations
  print("\n=== Model Summary ===")
  print(f"Number of observations: {int(model.nobs)}")
  print(f"Adjusted R-squared: {model.rsquared_adj:.4f}")
  # Create a DataFrame with parameters, p-values, and confidence intervals
  pd.set_option('display.float_format', '{:.4f}'.format)
  conf_int = model.conf_int()
  results_df = pd.DataFrame({
      'Coefficient': model.params,
      'P-value': model.pvalues,
      'CI Lower': conf int[0],
      'CI Upper': conf_int[1]
  })
  print("\nParameters:")
  print(results_df)
  # Additional model statistics
  print("\nModel Statistics:")
  print(f"F-statistic: {model.fvalue:.4f}")
  print(f"P-value (F-statistic): {model.f_pvalue:.4f}")
  print(f"AIC: {model.aic:.4f}")
  print(f"BIC: {model.bic:.4f}")
```

Linear regression model for Achievement trait:



Max Cook's Distance: 0.2021

Cook's Distance threshold (4/n): 0.1538

Potentially influential observations: [5 12 13]

Shapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = 0.9339, p-value = 0.0960 Residuals are normally distributed.

=== Model Summary === Number of observations: 26 Adjusted R-squared: 0.0304

Parameters:

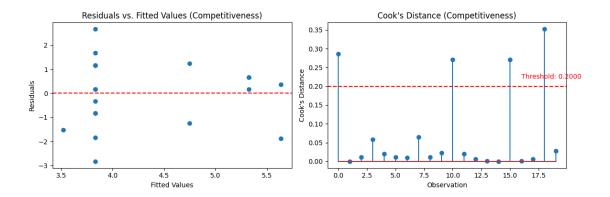
	Coefficient	P-value	CI Lower	CI Upper
Intercept	4.4381	0.0000	3.7074	5.1689
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.2.0]	0.7619	0.2776	-0.6573	2.1811
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.3.0]	-0.0000	0.3864	-0.0000	0.0000
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.4.0]	0.5799	0.4082	-0.8465	2.0062
<pre>C(Q("(Semi)divine ruler"))[T.1.0]</pre>	-1.0361	0.1695	-2.5490	0.4768

Model Statistics: F-statistic: 1.2614

P-value (F-statistic): 0.3120

AIC: 91.5515 BIC: 96.5839

Linear regression model for Competitiveness trait:



Max Cook's Distance: 0.3520

Cook's Distance threshold (4/n): 0.2000

Potentially influential observations: [0 10 15 18]

Shapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = 0.9742, p-value = 0.8406 Residuals are normally distributed.

=== Model Summary ===

Number of observations: 20 Adjusted R-squared: 0.0725

Parameters:

	Coefficient	P-value	CI Lower	CI Upper
Intercept	3.8315	0.0000	2.9215	4.7416
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.2.0]	0.9185	0.4392	-1.5357	3.3727
<pre>C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.3.0]</pre>	-0.0000	0.3176	-0.0000	0.0000
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.4.0]	1.8043	0.0809	-0.2490	3.8577
<pre>C(Q("(Semi)divine ruler"))[T.1.0]</pre>	-0.3098	0.7704	-2.5220	1.9024

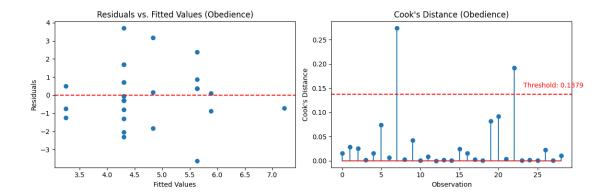
Model Statistics:

F-statistic: 1.4950

P-value (F-statistic): 0.2538

AIC: 77.0561 BIC: 81.0390

Linear regression model for Obedience trait:



Max Cook's Distance: 0.2740

Cook's Distance threshold (4/n): 0.1379

Potentially influential observations: [7 22]

Shapiro-Wilk test on residuals: statistic = 0.9750, p-value = 0.7012 Residuals are normally distributed.

=== Model Summary === Number of observations: 29 Adjusted R-squared: 0.1572

Parameters:

	Coefficient	P-value	CI Lower	CI Upper
Intercept	4.3016	0.0000	3.4162	5.1871
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.2.0]	1.3288	0.0913	-0.2298	2.8874
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.3.0]	0.0000	0.0357	0.0000	0.0000
C(Q("Slavery: type"))[T.4.0]	-1.0534	0.2304	-2.8183	0.7114
<pre>C(Q("(Semi)divine ruler"))[T.1.0]</pre>	1.5870	0.0655	-0.1098	3.2837

Model Statistics: F-statistic: 2.7414

P-value (F-statistic): 0.0644

AIC: 115.7248 BIC: 121.1940

4 Conclusion

The hypotheses that achievement and competitiveness are less significant, and obedience is more significant, in societies with hereditary slavery or (semi)divine rulers were not supported. No statistically significant differences were found across slavery types or ruler divinity for achievement or competitiveness, with only non-significant trends toward higher obedience in hereditary slavery and divine ruler societies. Linear regression showed minimal predictive power. Larger samples are needed to clarify these findings.

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